

UPTON PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2016



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West Lindsey Councillors approve planning permission for a 2000 pig industrial unit.

Despite a spirited and organised opposition by the communities of Upton and surrounding areas as well as many thousands of animal rights activists the proposal to build the farm was permitted with a number of very minor conditions. The strength of feeling was such that number of residents had formed an action committee and raised a significant amount of money to buy the services of a legal expert to help oppose the case. Also, a number of local residents attended the planning meeting at the Guild Hall in Gainsborough and 3 residents including the Chair of the Parish Council spoke against the proposal as did Councillor Jessie Milne. In the meeting the chair of Upton Parish Council made it clear that the residents of Upton and the surrounding villages would hold the Councillors and the planning department to account if any of the arguments used to oppose the proposal were founded. I would ask you all to ensure that if there are issues of a significant level eg odour, that you record your concerns (dates, times, level of concern) and send them to the local Environmental department and copy to WLDC.

I would like to thank the many people who gave up their valuable time in attending the public meetings, printing and distributing flyers and giving their hard earned cash to try to defend our local village amenity. Well done, to all of you and don't feel it was wasted time. We will find out if and when the proposal goes ahead who was right.

Jamie Allan.

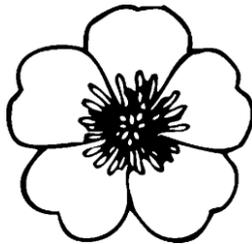
DEFIBRILLATOR

Upton now has a defibrillator and is located on the outside wall of The Rose and Crown. This was purchased from L.I.V.E.S for £1350.00. A generous donation was given towards it from Willingham Nurses of £650 which was greatly appreciated, making a total of £700 from parish funds.

Two training sessions have been held for members of the public and I'm sure Roger from L.I.V.E.S will run others from time to time in case anyone that wanted to train was unable to attend.

It's reassuring that the village has one but let's hope it never has to be used.

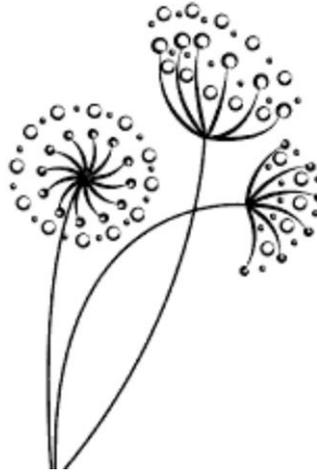
BLOOMERS



The new planter on the village green is now filled with soil, thanks to John Hewitt. Initially bulbs and annuals will be planted, with more permanent perennials and shrubs to follow in autumn next year.

The Bloomers will be having a stall at this years Christmas market with a Horticultural theme.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



This year's show took place on the 4th September which was a week earlier than usual. The scarecrow competition was a huge success, 24 entries in total. The winner was the Alice in Wonderland Theme, on the grass verge on High St. This was a joint effort by Sara Hindley and Nicky Keeling.

Well done to everyone that took part, it was a great effort and enjoyed by everyone.

The show went well despite some entries being low due to the weather. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Audrey Rushton.

The main trophy winners were: Best in veg classes: Mandy Smith. Best in flowers : Terry Thurlby. Most points in show :Anna Blow.

Society plant comp: Peggy Cheetham. Floral art: Marjory Clayworth. Photos: Carol Walker. Handicrafts: Ann Sharpe. Cookery :Heather Turver.

Other winners were, Dave Farrow, Max Fotheringham, Audrey Rushton and Jane Spencer.

Thanks were expressed by Chairman, Don Spittlehouse, to the committee for their support, and particularly the secretary, Jane Spencer for all her hard work throughout the year.

The photo categories for next years show are: Blooming Marvellous, Urban Decay, Whatever the Weather, Entrances, Waterways, and Wildlife.

All the entries can be seen on the Upton website.

If anyone has any suggestions for classes, the committee would be delighted to hear them. Likewise if anyone has any comments on the changes we made to this year's classes, please let us know. Even better, if you would like to join the Committee, please get in touch. Don Spittlehouse. 838265.

HELPING HANDS

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME



We have worked for nearly one year with Community Lincs to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme. With the help and encouragement of Community Lincs we obtained a set up grant and in addition we received a generous donation and did some fund raising to make us financially viable for the forthcoming year. However despite flyers delivered to all households in Upton, Kexby and Willingham, we have received very few offers from individuals to help as volunteers.

After a lot of discussion we have decided not to proceed further with this scheme at present, as there does not seem enough local support at this time.

We, the committee, have therefore set the wheels in motion to disband the scheme and pay back the Grant and donation received.

As a committee we are sad and frustrated that it has come to this point as we all believed in the project.

Emyr Morris. Don Spittlehouse. Liz Holman. Anita Birkett.

SPEEDING



I'm sure everyone is aware of the speeds that cars seem to be reaching when travelling through Upton. The Parish council have had several complaints and steps have been put in motion from March this year into getting speed reduction signs. 30 Mph passive signs are on order, but there has to be a site inspection by Lincolnshire County Council and this may take a few months. Also talks are planned between Upton Parish Council and Kexby, with the aim of sharing the costs of a moveable electronic flashing speed sign.

PHONE BOX

Everyone must have noticed how much better the phone box is now looking. We are looking for possible groups to decorate the box possibly on a rota basis. Sylvia Rose made an excellent job of the summer themed one.

Any suggestions or anyone interested that would like to decorate it, please get in touch with Liz Holman. 01427838265.

WI

Upton Cum Kexby WI is a young at heart group of ladies who meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall, where we have speakers and social events. We support fund raising events such as the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised over £2000 for cancer support. We also have a choir, a craft group and a walking group. Upcoming events include a stall at the Christmas Market and our Christmas dinner. Come along and join us for a taster session. For more information call Chris Hailes on 01427 788167.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship club is held every other Thursday at the Methodist Schoolroom. There is a trip to Bay Tree and Springfield organised on the 17th November.

Everyone is welcome £5 for non-members.

December 1st a trip to Bygone age with Chris, and Dec 15th Christmas dinner at the Rose and Crown.

For more information about the trip or possibly interested in joining, Tel: 01427 788072.

UPTON METHODIST CHAPEL CHRISTMAS NOTICES 2016

Dec 3rd. Saturday. 4.0pm.

Carols around the Scarecrow Nativity Scene in the chapel garden. Seasonal refreshments in the Chapel Schoolroom afterwards. To coincide with this, if anyone would like to create " A Crib Scene in a Shoe Box ". These will be displayed in Chapel during December.

Dec 8th. Thursday. Christmas Market. Rose and Crown.

The chapel are having a cake stall and any donations of cakes will be very welcome. Thank you.

Dec 18th. Sunday. 6.0pm.

United carol service at the chapel. Scarecrow nativity will also be included, so wrap up warm. Refreshments at close of service.

There will be no services at Upton Chapel on Christmas Day or New Years Day. Services will be held at GMC. Gainsborough.

Any queries contact Jenny Fotheringham. 838347.

CHURCH SERVICES

November 13th. 10.30.am. Joint remembrance service, memorial at 11.0.

December 18th. 9.30.am. Blessing of the crib.

December 24th. 11.30.pm. Midnight Communion.

LIBRARY

The Mobile Library Service is in Upton at the following dates at The Rose and Crown

Car Park between 12.45 and 13.45.

NOV 8. DEC 6. JAN 3 and 31. FEB 28. MAR 28.

VILLAGE HALL

MON. 9.0 to 12.0. Coffee and Chat.

TUES. 10.0 to 12.0. Kurling.

THURS. 7.30 to 9.0. Bowls.

FRI. 7.30 to 9.0. Kurling.

These are held every week and everyone is welcome.

FLIX IN THE STIX.

NOV 16th. Rear Window.

DEC 12th. Polar Express.

LANTERN WORKSHOP SAT NOV 19th. 10.0 to 3.0.

Come along and get in the Christmas spirit and have a go at decorating your own lantern. All materials provided and hopefully you can bring your lantern along to the Christmas market where they can be displayed.

CRAFT FAIR SUN NOV 27th 1.0 to 4.0.

This was a huge success last year and promises to be as good if not better this year. Huge variety of crafts and gift ideas. Refreshments available.

CHRISTMAS MARKET



The market will be held on Thursday 8th of December, starting at 6pm with Lea School choir. There will be many stalls including crafts, home baking a raffle and games. Santa hopefully will be in his grotto with a small gift for the children. The market is in aid of all the local organisations, so please come and support them. There will also be a quiz for the market on the day starting at 9pm.

Don't forget that you can find out information about what is happening in your village on the Upton Blog and Facebook. Any council information is on the Lincolnshire County Council's Upton Village website.

The Parish Councillors would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year,